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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, this is a body whose resolutions are recommendatory in character. Their resolutions are always considered by the Government and whatever is possible and feasible is given effect to. The point made out by the hon. friend Sri Vinayakam depends on the availability of buses. If I have more buses, I should give Sri Vinayakam the route he wants. But, at the present moment, there is so much demand. We cannot accept his suggestion now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, may I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that the Government are at present running very uneconomic units which do not bring in the necessary income to maintain a bus route. But, in spite of that the Government have been good enough to satisfy the whims and fancies of the people who are demanding to maintain the route from Egmore Station up to Adyar. That route does not pay even Rs. 60 per half a day. The route from . . .?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech. Let him put all this in the form of a question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I commend to my Hon. Colleague to take Sri Vinayakam into the Advisory Committee." (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion of the Hon. the Chief Minister will certainly be considered when the Board is reconstituted." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the routes from Triplicane to Kodambakkam and from Parrys to Kodambakkam are paying more than the limit fixed by the Government, namely, Rs. 75 per half a day? Such being the case, will the Government be pleased to open one more route between Mylapore to Kodambakkam (via) Mambalam, which will bring more income to Government?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" How does it arise out of the question? Let the hon. Member put a separate question."

Medical concessions to the non-gazetted officers.

* 59 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of non-gazetted Government servants who applied for free medical concessions up to 31st December 1953; and

(*b*) the amount spent on medical concessions and the number of applications disallowed up to 31st December 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The time and labour involved to collect the information may not be commensurate with the result to be achieved."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" When the information asked for is not supplied, how are we to put supplementary questions? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Such an answer is quite parliamentary. In other Parliaments also, such answers are given."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that when N.G.O.s go to hospitals along with other people for treatment as out-patients, they are given prescriptions of the same kind but when subsequently it is learnt that they are non-gazetted Government servants, the original prescriptions are struck out and fresh prescriptions are given recommending only medicines of very low value and that discrimination is shown between them and the public? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is making a general statement. I find that there is a general tendency among the N.G.O.s to ask for special and expensive drugs and the doctors prescribe such expensive drugs in order to please the patients with the result that the cost of the concessions given to them is mounting up time after time."

Extension of the weir of the Pakkam tank, South Arcot district.

*60 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to extend the weir of Pakkam Public Works Department tank in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The question of extending the weir of the tank is now under examination by the local officers."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Every time when the tank is full as a result of rains, there is a breach on account of the insufficiency of the weir. Taking into consideration the extent of the catchment area, the capacity, run through and the ayacut to be fed, in view of the fact that the Government are incurring loss every year as a result of breach, may I know why the Public Works Department did not care to look into this matter at all? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, I have already stated that the question is under examination by the local officers who have felt the need for extending the weir. The breaches have been there in the past. The officers are now actively considering the extension of the weir."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, what is the latest communication regarding this matter from that place? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is said that since the tank breached